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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 29, 2002, in the above-identified patent application, the present amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted along with a Petition for a 3 month extension of time and requisite payment, thus making the response a timely filing. The present response also includes: 1) A supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and requisite fee; 2) Formal Figures (eight (8) sheets of five (5) figures in response to form PTO-948); 3) Replacement Combined Declarations and Power of Attorney documents for five (5) inventors on four (4) documents of 2 pages each; 4) An Abstract on page 131; and 5) An Appendix showing the marked up version of amendments.